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—The report having gained wide circulation that Governor Booth, of California, designed to resign his office, and between now and the time of taking his seat in the United States Senate to go about the country lecturing to promote his claims for the Presidency in 1876, the Sacramento Union is authorized to say that there is no truth in it. He will not resign his office this year at any rate, if at all, and does not believe that the way pointed out by his enemies is the true way to make President.

—The San Francisco News Letter has settled it that Isaiah was an Irishman. Its reasoning is as follows: "We think there is internal evidence enough to demonstrate to the satisfaction of any candid reader that Isaiah was an Irishman. Take a single example (Isaiah xxxiii, 36). 'And when they arose early in the morning they were all dead corpses.' We have often heard of ghosts, but have always been most afraid of live ghosts—we should like to see some live corpses."

—Col. Klotz of March Chanc, Pa., tells an incident which occurred during the recent meeting of the Mexican veterans: While standing with John Solomon of East March Chanc, in the capital, a one-legged soldier approached and asked if that was Lieut. Knies. Being answered in the affirmative, the soldier said he was the only man whose leg was shot off at the battle of Cerro Gordo who lived. Mr. Solomon asked the crippled veteran if he remembered the soldier whose cot was beside his in the hospital. The soldier looked at him closely and said his name was Solomon. "Well," said Mr. S., "I'm the 'word' railway." Nor do they, as some reporters do, affect the 'word' 'switch' or 'luggage' for 'b' 'age.' They call the street

institution a 'street railway,' for which, as it occupies part of a 'road,' there is perhaps some ground. The laws affecting street railways were codified in 1871 and do not appear in this bill."

Singular Death of Two Sisters.

Abigail and Alice Mackey, aged respectively 24 and 29, daughters of Alexander Mackey of Potter's Hollow, Albany county, expired last Thursday afternoon under remarkable circumstances. The elder of the two had been suffering for some time from the measles, but was supposed to be getting better, when on that day she commenced to choke and in a little while expired. Her sister was so much affected by this event that she was taken with a fit, and in two hours after she also died. The mother of the two girls is the daughter of Benjamin Palmer of Potter Hollow, and sister of Potter Palmer, one of the most successful business men of Chicago.

Westfield Somanbulism.

A queer case of somnambulism occurred a few evenings since, at Johnson & Co.'s organ factory. One of the workmen, being instructed in the evening to carry into the shop, the next morning, a quantity of wood lying outside, was surprised when the time came at finding it all carried in and carefully piled. The watchman states that, during the night, the man came and did the work according to his instructions, stepping carefully over the organ pipes, etc., on the floor. The watchman spoke to him several times, but received no answer, and as soon as the job was done, the somnambulist went home. The night worker noticed a feeling of lassitude the next morning, and was unable to work during the day.

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ment on the state from \$150,000,000 to \$176,
000,000. The importance of this change, says
the Charleston News, is very clear. A tax of
fifteen mills on \$150,000,000 would amount to
\$2,250,000; while a tax of the same rate on
\$176,000,000 would amount to \$2,640,000.
Difference in favor of the ring, \$415,000.

—The report having gained wide circulation
that Governor Boring, of California, desired
to resign his office, and between now and the
time of taking his seat in the United States
Senate to go about the country lecturing to
promote his chances for the Presidency in 1876,
the Sacramento Union is authorized to say
that there is no truth in it. If at all resign, his
office this year at any rate, if he will not, and
does not believe that the way pointed out by
his enemies is the true way to make Pres-

ident.
—The San Francisco News Letter has set-

tled it that Isaiah was an Irishman. Its rea-

soning is as follows: "We think there is in-
ternal evidence enough to demonstrate to the
satisfaction of any candid reader that Isaiah
was an Irishman. Take a single example
(Isaiah xxxviii, 36). 'And when they arose
early in the morning they were all dead
corpses.' We have often heard of ghosts, but
have always been most afraid of live ghosts—
we should like to see some live corpses."

—Col. Klotz of March Chunk, Pa., tells
an incident which occurred during the recent
meeting of the Mexican veterans: While
standing with John Solomon of East March
Chunk, in the capitol, a one-legged soldier
approached and asked if that was Lieut.
Klotz. Being answered in the affirmative, the
soldier said he was the only man whose leg
was shot off at the battle of Cerro Gordo who
lived. Mr. Solomon asked the crippled veter-

an if he remembered the soldier whose cot
was beside his in the hospital. The soldier
looked at him and said his name was
Solomon. "Well," said Mr. S., "you are a
man." As might be expected the three sol-

diers were soon busy recounting their ex-

periences. After some moments the crippled
soldier inquired of Mr. Solomon whether he
had ever heard of Gibbs, the hospital at-

tendant, who dressed their wounds. "Here he
is," said a bystander, who had evidently been
listening to the conversation. "I'm Gibbs." The
astonished soldiers shook hands all round
again, and almost wept over each other. It
was the first time they had met since 1848.

The Springfield Republican says: "The
railroad commission have codified all the laws
of the state relating to railroads into one ac-

t of one hundred and sixty-seven sections, to
be known as the 'general railroad act.' This bill
has now been introduced into the legislature,
and, when perfected and enacted, will be a
great improvement upon the old and scattered
provisions. We notice with satisfaction that
the commission cling to the word 'railroad,'
which is certainly just as good as the English
word 'railway.' Nor do they, as some reports
do, affect the verb 'to switch,' or 'to switch'

'luggage' for 'baggage.' They call the street

institution a 'street railway,' for which, as it
occupies part of a 'road,' there is perhaps
some ground. The laws affecting street rail-

ways were codified in 1871 and do not appear
in this bill.

Singular Death of Two Sisters.
Abigail and Alice Mackey, aged respec-

tively 24 and 20, daughters of Alexander Mackey
of Potter's Hollow, Albany county, expired
last Thursday morning under remarkable
circumstances. The elder of the two had been
suffering for some time from the measles, but
was supposed to be getting better, when on
that day she commenced to choke and in a
little while expired. Her sister was so much
affected by this event that she was taken with
a fit, and in two hours after she also died.
The mother of the two girls is the daughter
of Benjamin Palmer of Potter's Hollow, and
sister of Potter Palmer, one of the most successful
business men of Chicago.

Westfield Somanabulism.
A queer case of somnambulism occurred a
few evenings since, at Johnson & Co.'s organ
factory. One of the workmen, being organ-
ized in the evening to carry into the shop, the
next morning, a quantity of wood lying out-

side was surprised when the time came at
finding it all carried in and carefully piled.
The watchman stated that, during the night,
he saw a man creeping cautiously over the
organ pipes, etc., on the floor. The watch-

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Kingston, Wednesday Morning, Jan. 28.

Bret Harte has our warmest sympathy in the legal war he is waging against a publisher. The War by name—who has issued a trashy volume with Mr. Harte's name on the title page as his author. It is hard enough to be obliged to acknowledge one's own legitimate books after the critics have gone through them, without being plastered with Smith's or Jones' wretched twaddle, until one looks like a pile of brick stacked over with posters of pills and bitters. Let Mr. Harte not spare the fellow.

We shouldn't be startled much if that Pinch-back was a bad sort of man. His very name is bad. Pinch-back. According to what certain calls "the laws of the inflexible eternities" people would be disinclined to trust Pinch-back on account of his name. Only a letter stands between him and pinchbeck, which is some form of brass, isn't it? Anyhow, Senator Morton is going to have him investigated. Perhaps if a little sulphuric acid were dropped on him it would reveal whether or not such stuff as dreams are made of, or some other manner of fraud.

There is every reason short of absolute proof to believe in the reported death of Dr. Livingston. We can hardly hope to receive a reliable contradiction of it. We are weary with the rest of mankind at the loss of so good and great a man. Not the least among the consolatory reflections bearing upon the sad event, we are sure, is the fact that the patient explorer has got beyond all danger of being "discovered" any more. He has gone to heaven, and nothing but the fact that certain that the Herald office has no more charts of that distant region. Young Bennett cannot call Stanley to his bedside and order that a series of interviews to go and look up the self-proclaimed Scotch missionary. Livingston is where the wicked newspaper men cease from troubling and weary exiles are at rest. The spirit of the long-suffering martyr may well visit Catalina and say:

For this relief, much thanks.

Professor Thompson, author of what was known as "Tynan's Prayer Gauge," is out with something still more practical and suggestive—*i. e.*, an article on cremation, or burning of the dead. We cannot reproduce the article nor its chief points at present; yet it must be confessed that much is there alleged to convince us of the good sense of what he says. Our own opinion is that the time cannot be far distant when our dead will not be buried but burned. The reasons for this opinion are more or less patent to all who have only superficially studied the facts connected with decomposition of the human body, both before and after burial. Our dead increase their own number through the poisons they exhal. Graveyards and cemeteries are more receptacles for the dead than for the life forces of death. They poison the air, wells and streams. Besides this, considerations purely sentimental point to a different and more satisfactory disposition of the bodies of the dead than the present most repulsive method. Let us burn our loved ones after death and keep their ashes with us in our homes. Then the old-fashioned funeral man will have some significance. Finally, we detect all undertakers, and would like to see them at once decent work after the restful of our once proud personality.

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himself competent to trust the subject should have been enough to face squarely the objections which he might be brought against his thesis. What, for instance, can be meant by "a new order of painting," which he says ought to originate in America? "Orders" in art have their rise in the special phases of genius given by the Creator to certain men, who have not the past been greatly influenced probably by their age or nationality—except in the item of the subjects they have immortalized. Rembrandt would have painted in gloom and Titian in which either of them had chanced to be born. If Michael Angelo had not been living to fresco the Sistine chapel but had been the artist of the States when the capital at Washington needed the same service, does any one suppose he would have mingled pigment in a different way, or become the founder of a diverse "order" in his art? If Canova had been a New York tax-payer instead of an Italian provincial, would he have ignored myological studies, and "placed" statues in the place of the Thebes; and in case he had, would he have altered his style—that is, his nature—to accommodate himself to what Mr. Taylor is pleased to think the requirements of the American continent and American civilization? If Handel had been a native of Oregon and Beethoven of South Carolina, would either of them have composed anything better in music than the Messiah or the Ninth Symphony? If Dante had first seen daylight in California, would he have despised the idea of the Divina Commedia and gone frantic in trying to write the "Songs of the Sierras"? No; art is not a perfunctory manufacture, but a development of the mind, and we cannot expect electricity and mightier than the tides of the sea. Mr. Taylor's insinuation to the contrary notwithstanding, it is not a mean and unambitious concession to the old world which prompts the floggings of art among us to seek Germany and Italy to perfect their education. Those countries are the chartered universities of the world, and we cannot expect to rival them in the embodiment of the beautiful, no more than they can equal us in practical piety as an element of statesmanship. Art is the consummate flower of a soil rich with thousands of years of historic associations, and is, the one independent, regal thing in this world of traffic that cannot be got up to order. We have landscape painters of truest ability, and are not without stone-cutters and bricklayers—all well enough in their way—yet Bierstadt will always walk behind Claude Lorraine and the "architect" of the metropolitan city hall might learn a trick or two in his trade from Sir Christopher Wren. Let Brother Taylor be patient; Yankees can build railroads and "place" statues with vast ingenuity, and possibly in some distant future we may "invent" a book better than Shakespeare and a post more graceful than the columns of Corinth. But not to-day.

CURRENT TOPICS.

—Dueling is a cheap pastime in Virginia, after all. McCarthy was fined \$500 for killing Monck.

—The Jersey Anti-Fashion Convention broke up in a disagreement. One half wanted to wear dresses "four inches from the ground," and the other half the Bloomer costume.

—It is said Vienna Van Buren won't get confirmed as consul to Kanagawa, Japan, until the whole of the old-fashioned funeral man will have some significance. Finally, we detect all undertakers, and would like to see them at once decent work after the restful of our once proud personality.

—Warden Hubbard testifies to the good effects of providing the convicts in Sing Sing with books, and appeals for a larger supply. The appeal should meet with a ready response.

—Bishop Simpson has gone to accept the President's invitation to investigate the religious affairs of Mexico. We hope he will exercise a healthy influence in preventing the grossest from stealing Texas cattle.

—Talk about American snobbery! It is nothing to English funkiness. Hundreds of couples were married in England on the same day and at the same hour as the Duke of Edinburgh and the Russian Princess.

—A literary convention at the same time the proving regatta is to be held at Saratoga is proposed. The idea of an intellectual convention at Saratoga in mid-summer and at the height of the gambling season is so profound as to strike as dumb.

—The Jersey Cranberry Growers' Association have done a graceful act. They have shipped two crates of their choicest fruit, with their compliments, to Queen Victoria. This touching testimonial, following as it does the marriage of her royal son, must bring supreme happiness to Vic.

—A sister's devotion has just had a fresh illustration. W. G. P. who was fired by the contempt of court by Chief Justice Cockburn and committed because he wouldn't pay the fine, was released by his sister doing it for him. British stubbornness and sisterly affection—funny, wasn't it?

—A reporter of the Brooklyn Eagle claims to have been working up Tweed's prison life and states that he is treated with "distinguished consideration" that the "assured orderly" story is all gaudium and that the "old man" isn't writing or expecting to write a book, but on the contrary hopes soon to get out and make certain parties sing lively. Who can vouch for this?

OUR ALBANY CORRESPONDENCE.

ALBANY, January 27, 1874.

EDITORIAL FREEMAN:—The only question of serious import which the Legislature has taken up, as yet, is the one involving a change in the state Constitution, and another from Foot to reply, that nothing but blood will quench the indignant fire raging in their pure and manly bosoms. So a duel is on Foot, and on Davis too. We hope our government will interfere to stop this thing. So fine a fossil as Jeff and so good a patriot as Foot cannot be spared from our Museum of Antiquities. Let us have peace.

One Toothpick.

The official facts do show that just one gold toothpick has been purchased for the use of the American Senate—no more. The mean and scurrilous story of the Boston Advertiser to the effect that there were several gold toothpicks is proved to be the base fabrication which Boston might be expected to be guilty of when she speaks of Washington. There is, we repeat, only one gold toothpick owned and used by the Senate of the United States. It is extravagant; who dares aver it? That toothpick seems but few idle moments to pass rapidly from mouth to mouth and from incisors to molars. Often in the midst of deep debate a low, clear "Next" is heard from some redlining Senator, who then passes the toothpick to his successor on the private list. "Why a gold toothpick?" you ask, oh, gentle Agrippa. Because gold does not split like a quill nor splinter like wood. Toothpicks are welcome. Now if they only had a toothbrush!

Taylor's Ambition.

At the last meeting of the Methodist Preachers in New York Rev. Mr. Taylor was the essayist. He read what he knew and had written about the fine arts. His classification of those included poetry, painting, literature, sculpture and architecture. So far very well, but when Mr. Taylor tells us, as he does eventually, that America must develop its own "talent" and so have no further need to copy pictures and statues in Europe, he talks badly. The essayist assumed intended ample scope for the production of his orders in the fine arts. We suppose it would not be generous to press home upon Mr. Taylor all the rational deductions from his premises. Any man, nevertheless, who believes

well advised in this regard as they might be. I think a great majority of our legislators come here honest, and it is much discredited to them to assume that they go away dishonest. I know that Mr. Winfield thinks that Albany is a bad place to preserve a man's virtue, but I feel confident that his severe impression would set like a mountain on him if we were to give it a personal application—which no man in Ulster or here would think of giving it. I am of the impression that legislators should receive from \$6 to \$8 per day, and I believe the people would have ratified this increase—but \$15 is too much. This article is the one which prohibits special legislation, and I wish to be understood as saying distinctly, that if this Legislature—conceding it power—shall not submit this special legislation prohibition section separately from this increased compensation section, it will be well nigh conclusive evidence that the power of the "bone" does to keep these special acts has proved too strong for legislators.

And now we come to Article 4. This seems not to please very many persons in Senate or House, and yet for some reason they are inclined to put it through. Gov. Hunt thought it would be popular to give the Governor a longer term and more power. Perhaps he thought he was to be Governor in perpetuity. He's in Europe now, and the people seem to be getting along without him. Strange, isn't it, how readily our people can dispense with the services of great men, adapt themselves to circumstances? But to Article 4, which gives the Governor and Lieutenant Governor a term of three years instead of two, as now. It also provides that "no extraordinary session" of a Legislature can be called by the Governor, and that the Governor's salary shall be \$10,000, and the Lieutenant Governor's at \$5,000—more than double what this bill so far has given. It costs us about \$11,000 to support the Governor, house rent and all. I think it's about time, by the way, for the Empire State to own an executive mansion, not compel our Executive to play pinner and hire one. The Governor is given power also to veto part of a bill—saving or approving of the balance. This is what gives the Governor and his might have saved the people \$2,000,000 and the humiliation of the salary grant.

The proposed amendment to Article 5 is full of objections, in so far as it gives the Governor power to appoint the Attorney General, the State Engineer and Surveyor, a Superintendent of State Prisons, the appointment of a State Treasurer by the Senate and Assembly, the appointment of a Superintendent of Public Works by the Governor. I'm inclined to think the present way of choosing the Canal Board is wrong. I'm half inclined, in fact, to consider it eminently just and proper to break up—in any reasonable way—the "ring" of canal thieves hanging about our canals. The people by this "ring" have been plundered enough. But I doubt whether the people will consent to placing too much power in the hands of one man. We are generally very sensitive and jealous, you know, of what we think we possess.

Some very good provisions are found in Article 6, especially that one which is intended to prevent the Governor from loaning their credit to railroads, &c. I learn that the committee having the Abbott-Madden case in charge will report the case to the Senate without any recommendations. Of course this is a blind. It rids the committee of responsibility and throws it on the Republican majority, and I hear it intended that the majority will vote in favor of a party measure. Madden is doing some thing, besides liberally patronizing Congress Hall. The railway people want Madden here—badly.

Messrs. "Sammy" Tilden, Charles O'Connor and Peckham and Judge Fullerton and Mr. Root were here on the Ingersoll case yesterday. The argument will take place on the 11th of February before the Court of Appeals.

Where are your local bills? I hope some of your people will send something up, if for nothing else but to try the mettle of your representatives.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—Some lecture committee out West has figured that Beecher gets \$3.33 a minute when he lectures.

—It is no thought that the estate of Scrantom, the bankrupt banker in New Haven, may pay five cents on the dollar.

—Baz is now reported as saying he came here to further the annexation of San Domingo to the United States.

—Mark Twain is on his way home, having become satisfied with the conquest he has made with the Britishers.

—Wilkie Collins has been obliged to abandon his intended trip to the Pacific coast, as he cannot stand long railway rides.

—There is but one baby in a newly-created Oregon town, and the poor child is passed around from hand to hand, and knows no more rest than a public lecturer.

—The Yale men in Congress propose to give a complimentary dinner to Chief Justice Waite when he comes to Washington to assume his new position.

—In Paris there are twenty-three fashion journals and seven Roman Catholic religious ones. There are two young ladies' papers. Germany has only five fashion papers.

—The New York Central & Hudson River Railroad has just ordered thirteen new passenger cars from Gilbert, Bush & Co., and twelve from the Wason Car Company of Springfield, Mass.

—It is a curious fact that all the Presidents of the United States but four had each a pet Christian name. The moral thus taught to parents is obvious—don't use iron names recklessly in naming your babies.

—A San Francisco being annoyed by a mud puddle in the street, reported that he had lost a \$20 gold piece therein, whereupon the pool was speedily emptied by eager seekers after the money.

—An English baronet, Sir St. George Gore, worth half a million per annum and still unmarried, is making the echoes of the Tennessee forests with his shot gun. Forty or fifty of the Memphis belles are said to be thirsting for Gore.

—Senator Scott was talking to a Pennsylvania Sunday school, a Sunday or two ago, and asked the scholars why Simon was kept in prison. One of the teachers quickly prompted a boy to say that it was for hostage, and the youth, not quite catching the words, piped out: "He was detained for postage."

—Russia is playing a sharp game on England by printing thousands of copies of the Koran, for her Mussulman subjects. Her object is to convert the believers in Islam that she is far more tolerant to their faith than England is.

—And now the Whitehall papers are having a bout. The Chronicle was heard from last. It delicately alluded to the editor of its contemporary as "the ninth part of a man, the monkey-minded little plottingly that gibbers and raves and grimaces through the columns of the Times."

—George Brown, the founder of the Swedish labor party in Cincinnati, has become so destitute in his old age that, a few nights since, he was obliged to lodge with the city's tramps at the station house. Years ago Brown stood high in Cincinnati, but, having lost his fortune in some unlucky ventures at the mines, and then in the stock market, he has been reduced to this pitiable fate in the city to which he has been a public benefactor.

JERSEY CITY'S TURN.

Mr. Treasurer Decamps with a Small Party.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Much excitement was caused in Jersey City to-night by the announcement that City Treasurer Alexander D. Hamilton had decamped with several thousands of dollars of city money. At a meeting of the Board of Finance this evening it was found that over \$100,000 of water bonds were missing; also, Hamilton's official bond. Hamilton left the city Friday for Trenton, but was heard of to-day at Boston.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Calendar for To-Day.

ALBANY, Jan. 27.—Court of Appeals calendar for January 28th: Nos. 78, 79, 89, 18, 19, 75, 72, 92.

TELEGRAPH.

REGULAR DISPATCHES TO DAILY FREEMAN.

FOREIGN.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Jan. 27.—It is rumored that the Emperor of Austria will soon visit Rome.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Terrible Railroad Accident.

GLASGOW, Jan. 27.—An accident attended with most lamentable results occurred on the railway between this city and Edinburgh this morning. While the express passenger train from Edinburgh for Glasgow was running with great speed, it came in collision with another express train. Sixteen persons were instantly killed and a number received severe injuries. Several coaches were demolished.

GLADSTONE'S ADMINISTRATION AND THE NEW ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The Pall Mall Gazette declares it has good reason to believe that the report that Gladstone has been summoned before the Court of Queen's Bench is unfounded.

The Times says the simple truth is the minority was unable to withstand the annoyance caused by its repeated defeats since the beginning of the recess and it is determined to win the country by a bold dash and promises of reformation.

ENGLAND'S SYMPATHY WITH GERMANY.

A large and important meeting was held last night, James Hall last night, the object of which was to express the sympathy of Englishmen for the German government in its struggle with the ultramontane party. Letters supporting the purpose of the meeting were received from the Archbishops of York and Canterbury and 237 members of Parliament, and speeches were made by Messrs. Newdegate, Peel, Chambers and others. The meeting lasted over four hours.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—A. M.—Mr. Joseph Thompson, an American resident of Berlin, was one of the speakers at the meeting in St. James Hall. He traced the history of religious dissension in Germany and praised the American system of secular education, which he declared to be one of the most effective means of combatting ultramontanism.

The Times this morning alludes to Mr. Thompson's speech in terms of high commendation.

THE NEWS OF LIVINGSTON'S DEATH CONFIRMED.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Herr Bremer, the German explorer of Africa, in a letter to Dr. Livingston dated on the 15th of August, this date differs with that of a previous report, but all doubt has been set at rest by an official dispatch received by the government yesterday from Zanzibar, which states that Dr. Livingston died in Lobia after crossing the marshes with the water at one time for three hours consecutively above his waist.

The sufferings of his whole party were terrible, and ten of them died in consequence. The members of Cameron's expedition were suffering from fever and dysentery, and would have died of the arrival of the Doctor's remains and bring them to Ujiji. From the latter place they would be conveyed to Zanzibar, where, it is expected, they will arrive next month.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The 'Alabama Award.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Committee on Judiciary to-day had before them the question of the Alabama claims. Dudley Field addressed the committee in behalf of the Columbian Insurance Company, which failed on the 22d of March last, owing to the failure of the company to pay its debts.

Mr. WELLMAN moved to refer Article 8 to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to strike out Section 10. Lost, ayes 21, nays 9.

THE CONTESTED SEAT OF THE TEST DISTRICT.

Mr. COLE, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented a report on the matter of the contested seat in the Test district.

Mr. BRADLEY presented a minority report from the same committee.

Mr. JACOBS moved that the reports be laid on the table for printing. Carried.

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THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Jan. 27.

Amending act in reference to the records of Surrogate's Courts.

Authorizing the Board of Supervisors of the county of Albany to issue bonds to pay a portion of the bonds of said county that will mature in 1874.

Amending act for the preservation of fish in Schuylers, Steuben, Chemung, Seneca, Yates & Ontario counties.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The constitutional amendments were then read a third time, and the question on their final passage taken on each amendment separately.

The amendments to Articles 2 and 3 were adopted unanimously.

The amendments to Article 4 were adopted. Ayes 21, nays 9, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Abbott, Booth, Bradley, Coe, Connelly, Dickinson, Dow, Gross, Kellogg, King, Lowry, McGowan, Middleton, Robertson, Selkirk, Thompson, Tobey, Wagner, Wellman, Wood, Woolin—21.

Nays—Messrs. Fox, Jacobs, Johnson, Lord, Parmenter, Ray—9.

The question on the adoption of the amendments to the fifth article being announced, Mr. LORD moved to strike out the first section of the bill.

After debate Mr. Lord's motion was put and lost.

The amendments to Article 5 were then adopted, ayes 6, nays 21, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Abbott, Booth, Bradley, Coe, Connelly, Dickinson, Dow, Gross, Kellogg, King, Lowry, McGowan, Middleton, Robertson, Selkirk, Thompson, Wagner, Wood, Woolin—21.

Nays—Messrs. Fox, Jacobs, Johnson, Lord, Parmenter, Ray—9.

The amendments to Article 6 were then adopted, ayes 21, nays 9, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Abbott, Booth, Bradley, Coe, Connelly, Dickinson, Dow, Gross, Kellogg, King, Lowry, McGowan, Middleton, Robertson, Selkirk, Thompson, Wagner, Wood, Woolin—21.

Nays—Messrs. Fox, Jacobs, Johnson, Lord, Parmenter, Ray—9.

The amendments to Article 7 were then adopted, ayes 21, nays 9, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Abbott, Booth, Bradley, Coe, Connelly, Dickinson, Dow, Gross, Kellogg, King, Lowry, McGowan, Middleton, Robertson, Selkirk, Thompson, Wagner, Wood, Woolin—21.

Nays—Messrs. Fox, Jacobs, Johnson, Lord, Parmenter, Ray—9.

The amendments to Article 8 were then adopted, ayes 21, nays 9, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Abbott, Booth, Bradley, Coe, Connelly, Dickinson, Dow, Gross, Kellogg, King, Lowry, McGowan, Middleton, Robertson, Selkirk, Thompson, Wagner, Wood, Woolin—21.

Nays—Messrs. Fox, Jacobs, Johnson, Lord, Parmenter, Ray—9.

The amendments to Article 9 were then adopted, ayes 21, nays 9, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Abbott, Booth, Bradley, Coe, Connelly, Dickinson, Dow, Gross, Kellogg, King, Lowry, McGowan, Middleton, Robertson, Selkirk, Thompson, Wagner, Wood, Woolin—21.

Nays—Messrs. Fox, Jacobs, Johnson, Lord, Parmenter, Ray—9.

The amendments to Article 10 were then adopted, ayes 21, nays 9, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Abbott, Booth, Bradley, Coe, Connelly, Dickinson, Dow, Gross, Kellogg, King, Lowry, McGowan, Middleton, Robertson, Selkirk, Thompson, Wagner, Wood, Woolin—21.

Nays—Messrs. Fox, Jacobs, Johnson, Lord, Parmenter, Ray—9.

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